

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7537

Petition of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc., for)
renewal of its Alternative Regulation Plan)

Order entered: 8/5/2009

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM
AND NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND TECHNICAL HEARING

I convened a prehearing conference in this matter on July 27, 2009. The conference was attended by counsel and representatives of both Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. ("VGS"), and the Vermont Department of Public Service (the "Department").

The parties proposed a fairly abbreviated schedule that included a workshop and technical hearing on August 20, 2009. Unfortunately, that schedule did not contemplate an opportunity for public comment on the Alternative Regulation Plan ("ARP") nor motions to intervene. It seems only reasonable that the public be given an opportunity to make substantive comments on the ARP, something that is impossible until the final version of the ARP has been filed. The schedule set out below is, therefore, somewhat longer than what the parties and I agreed to at the prehearing, although it should still allow plenty of time for a final order well before the scheduled expiration of the current ARP, September 30, 2009.

Date	Event
August 10, 2009	VGS files an integrated version of the current plan, an integrated version of the plan as it intends it to be extended, and a proposed final order
August 18	deadline for motions to intervene; written comments by members of the public are also solicited
August 21	responses of the parties to motions to intervene
August 27	workshop with technical hearing to follow

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND TECHNICAL HEARING

You are hereby notified, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Sections 8, 10 and 218d, that a Workshop, followed by a Technical Hearing, will be held in this proceeding on **Thursday, August 27, 2009**, commencing at **1:30 P.M.**, at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, Chittenden Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 5th day of August, 2009.

s/John P. Bentley
John P. Bentley, Esq.
Hearing Officer

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FILED: August 5, 2009

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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